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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In an Office Action mailed July 13, 2007, with respect to the above-identified patent application, the Examiner considered claims 1 - 53 to be subject to restriction.

Specifically, the Examiner considered claim 1 to be generic to certain species which the Examiner considered were patentably distinct.

In Response to the Restriction Requirement, the Applicants hereby elect Species 1, which the Examiner considered to comprise FIGS. 1 - 16. In addition, the Applicants respectfully submit that the following claims encompass the elected species:

Claims 1 - 4

Claims 12 - 14

Claims 17 - 25

Claims 27, 28

Claims 38 - 40

Applicant respectfully submits that all of claims 1 - 53 are now in condition for allowance, and early notification of allowability is respectfully requested. Should any questions arise in connection with the foregoing, please contact Thomas L. Lockhart at the telephone number of 616/336-6000.

Respectfully submitted,

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